

Atty. Docket No. 408392

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-9 and 21-32 remain pending in this application. Claims 20-27 are cancelled, without prejudice. Claims 21-32 are newly-added, without new matter.

In the Restriction Requirement of 8 September 2005, the Examiner required the election of one of the following groups :

- I. Claims 1-9, drawn to a symbol-bearing receptacle; or
- II. Claims 10-20, drawn to a method for creating a contrasting appearance.

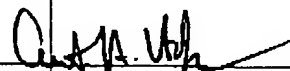
Applicant elects group I (claims 1-9), for prosecution on the merits. Claims 10-20 are cancelled without prejudice, and may be pursued in one or more divisional applications. New claims 21-32 are clearly within Group I.

Given the above election, Applicant has addressed all issues raised in the Office Action dated 8 September 2005, and respectfully requests examination of all pending claims.

21 claims remain pending, 3 of which are independent. Applicants previously paid for 20 claims, including 4 independent claims. The fee paid for the fourth independent claim (upon filing) more than covers the fee that Applicants would otherwise pay for the 21st additional, currently pending, dependent claim. Therefore, no fees are believed currently due. However, should any fee be deemed necessary in connection with this Election and Response, please charge Deposit Account No. 12-0600. Should any questions arise in connection with this Election and Response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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